Provision of basic amenities in IAY houses

†2347. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided basic amenities such as power and toilet in the houses made under the Indira Awas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) Assistance under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) is provided for construction of a house of which Sanitary Latrines is an integral part. No provision of power is made under the scheme.

Revision of guidelines for IWDP

2318. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently revised guidelines for watershed Development under Integrated Wasteland Development Programme;

(b) if so, the salient features of these guidelines;

(c) the major activities taken up in the projects under the programme during last three years, State-wise;

(d) the number of districts/States in which the programme is being implemented; and

(e) the funding pattern of the programme and total amount sanctioned and spent under programme as on 31st March, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development have revised the guidelines for Watershed Development in September, 2001. These guidelines are applicable to Integrated Wasteland Development Programme

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(IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP). The salient features of the Guidelines are to provide greater flexibility in implementation, focussed role for Panchayati Raj Institutions, twin track approach, exit protocol for Project Implementation Agencies, greater community participation in project implementation and post project maintenance, provision for availing the credit facility from financial institutions, transparency in implementation etc.

(c) The IWDP is being implemented through projects on watershed basis. The watershed treatment plans under these projects are location specific and in accordance with the local requirements. The major development activities taken up under these projects usually include land development, soil and moisture conservation measures (leveling, terracing, bunding, trenching, vegetative barriers, gully plugging etc.); water resources development and conservation measures (water harvesting structures like check dams, farm ponds, percolation tanks, village ponds etc.); afforestation, pasture development and conservation measures (fuel wood plantations, fodder trees, agro-forestry, silvi-pasture, horticulture etc.).

(d) The projects under IWDP are generally sanctioned in the development blocks not covered under DPAP/DDP. At present, the IWDP projects are under implementation in 297 districts of 27 States.

(e) The IWDP is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Prior to 1.4.2000, the States were provided 100% funding @ Rs. 4000 per hectare. The cost norm has been revised *w.e.f.* 1.4.2000 to Rs. 6000 per hectare to be shared by the Central and State Governments in the ratio of Rs. 5500 : Rs. 500. During 2001-02, the budgetary provision under IWDP at the Central level was Rs. 210 crore and the Rs. 169.61 crore was released to the programme States towards implementation of on-going watershed projects and sanction of new watershed projects.

Proposal submitted by Rajasthan for development of roads under PMGSY

2319. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN 'DURRU': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Rajasthan has submitted